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N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR LICENSURE OF

Nina Rushton

TO PRACTICE NURSING
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Nina Rushton's application for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) by endorsement, including voluntary consent to a criminal history background check. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on

August 3, 2000, by the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina and charged with Fraudulent Check (Equivalent to N.J.S.A. 2C:21-5, Bad Check). On August 21, 2000, in unknown court charges were dismissed and assessed Twenty Dollars (\$20) Administration Fee. She was also arrested on December 19, 2001, by the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina and charged with Fraudulent Check Under \$500 (Equivalent to N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1, Forgery). On February 12, 2002, in unknown court, convicted of forfeiture and assessed fines totaling Sixty-Six dollars (\$66.00).

The applicant failed to disclose these arrests on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested and "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been found guilty of any offense. The applicant stated that when she was 20 years old she opened her first bank account, she did not keep a check register and she overdrew her account. She thought everything had cleared and she closed the account. She had no idea this would show up as an arrest on her record which is why she answered "no" on her application.

The applicant now acknowledges these arrests and provided a copy of the disposition.

The Board finds that the applicant misrepresented her criminal history on the application which constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature and timing of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 14th day of July, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

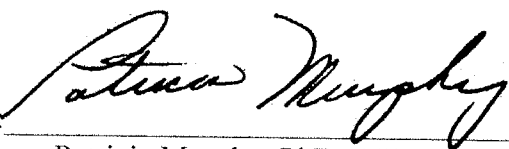
1. Nina Rushton's application for licensure as a Registered Nurse by endorsement shall be granted upon Board review and approval of a completed application and compliance with paragraph two below.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrests on her application. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire

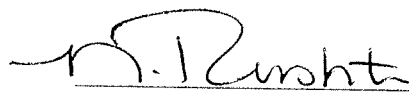
transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.

3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: 
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.


Nina Rushton



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RE: Proposed Consent Order for Licensure

Dear Ms. Rushton:

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing has considered your application for Registered Nurse licensure (RN) by Endorsement. The Board has decided to grant licensure with the imposition of a civil penalty for failing to disclose arrests on your application.

Please review the enclosed Consent Order. You may, of course, consult with an attorney if you so desire. If you agree to the terms, please sign the Consent Order and return it to **Nicole Peteet-Davis, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101** with payment of the civil penalty (either a certified check, bank cashier check, money order, or the enclosed payment form) **within thirty days**. Once filed, this Order will be considered a public document and you will have been disciplined by your professional licensing board. If no response is received within ninety (90) days, your application will automatically be deemed abandoned without further notice.

Should you have any questions concerning the terms of this Order, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Smith Carolina, PhD., R.N.
Executive Director

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Enclosure